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SUBJECT:YUGOSLAV PROTEST OVER NAVOCFORMED ACTIVATION IN
ADRIATIC

REF: BELGRADE 5780 AND 5758 (NOTAL), USNATO 6367

1. YUGOSLAV PROTEST OVER NAVOCFORMED EXERCISE DUTY FAN
COMES WHEN EXERCISE ALMOST OVER, SO IT WOULD APPEAR THAT
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DEMARCHE INTENDED MAINLY FOR THE RECORD.

2. WE BELIEVE MISSION PROPOSAL (PARA 2, USNATO 6367)
ON HANDLING OF PUBLIC YUGOSLAV PROTEST (BELGRADE 5780)
IS APPROPRIATE. MISSION MAY WISH CONSIDER ADDING A LIST
OF THE PORTS VISITED DURING DUTY FAN, AS WELL AS
GENERAL TIME PERIOD INVOLVED, IN ORDER TO
AVOID GIVING
IMPRESSION THAT ADRIATIC WAS MAIN THEATER OF OPERATIONS.
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE STATEMENT SHOULD BE USED ON "IF
ASKED" BASIS ONLY AND URGE THAT NATO SPOKESMAN NOT RPT
NOT GO BEYOND PREPARED STATEMENT AND ATTEMPT TO ANSWER
QUESTIONS.

3. BEGIN FYI: YUGOSLAV CHARGE IS CALLING ON ASSISTANT
SECRETARY HARTMAN AT NOON MONDAY TO RAISE THIS TOPIC.
END FYI.

4. FOR BELGRADE: RE YOUR 5780, WE BELIEVE FACTUAL PRESS
STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF THAT CONTAINED IN USNATO 6367
AVOIDS NON-PRODUCTIVE PUBLIC POLEMICS SINCE IT SIMPLY
SETS OUT THE FACTS. KISSINGER

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